

FIG.2

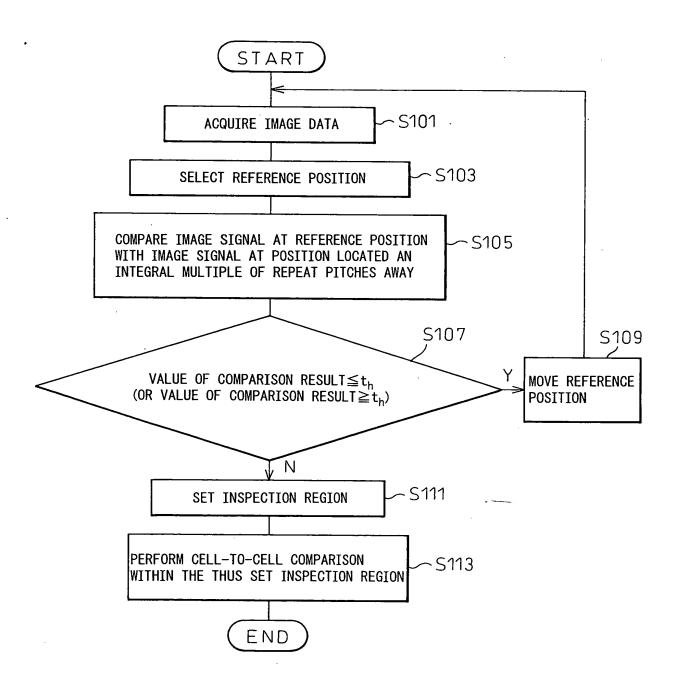
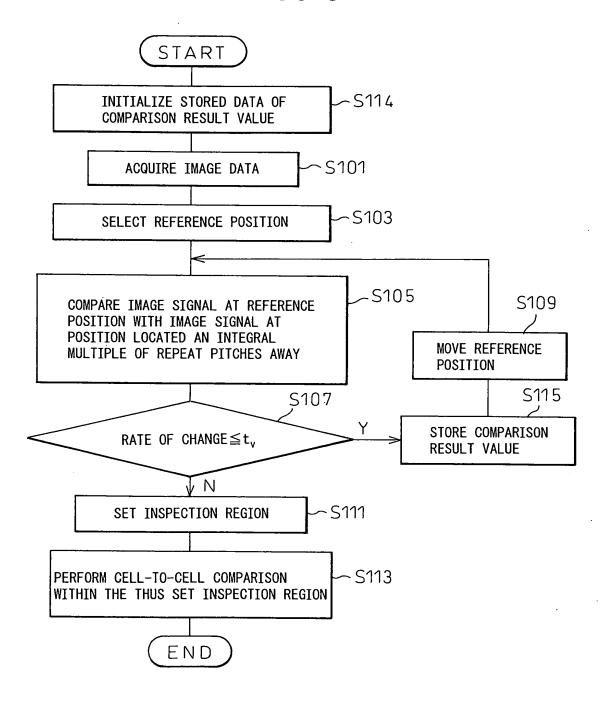


FIG.3



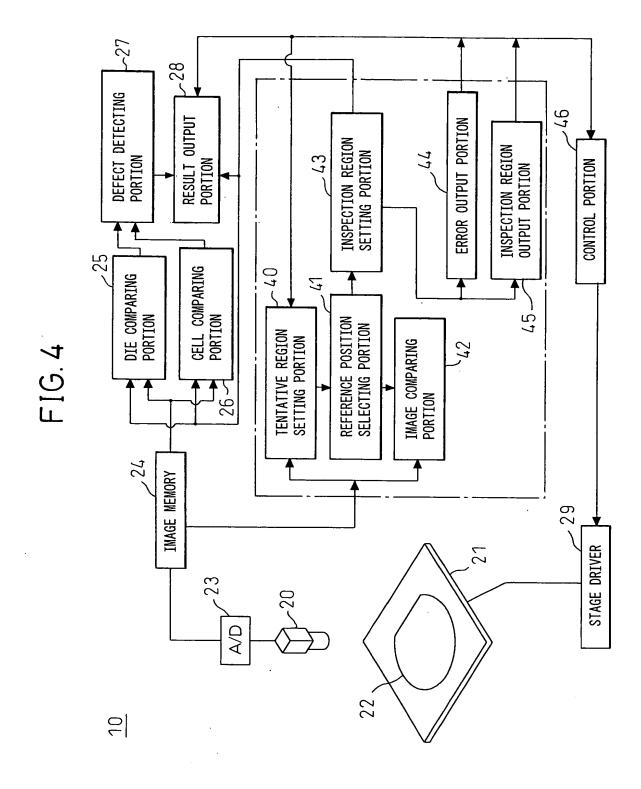


FIG.5

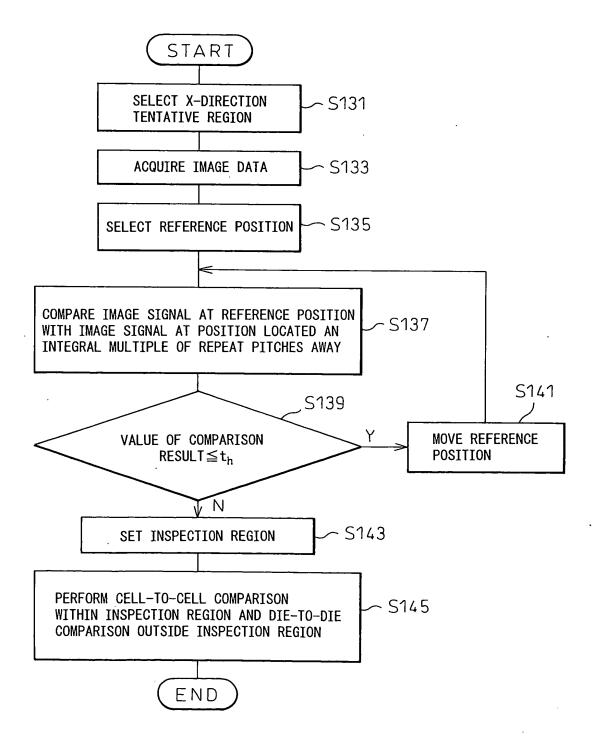


FIG.6

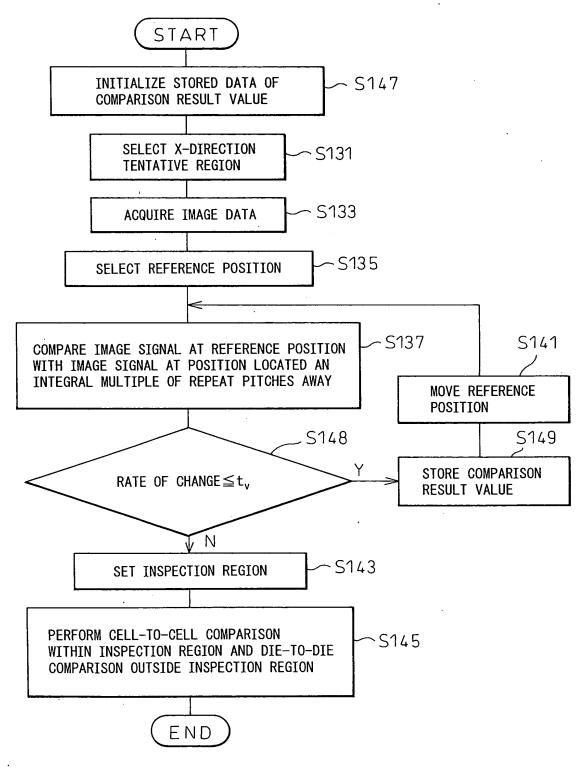


FIG.7

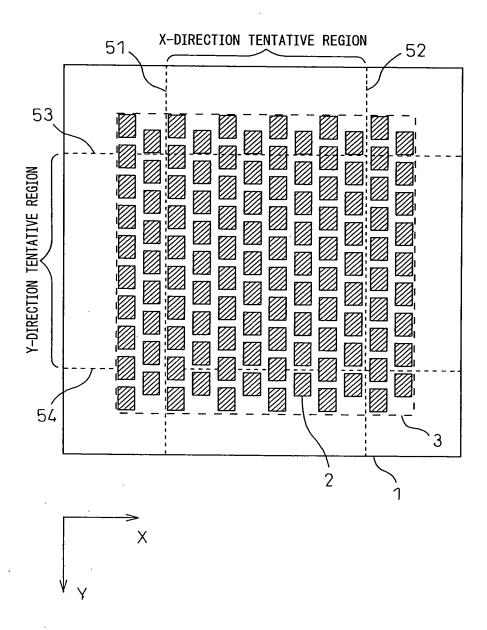
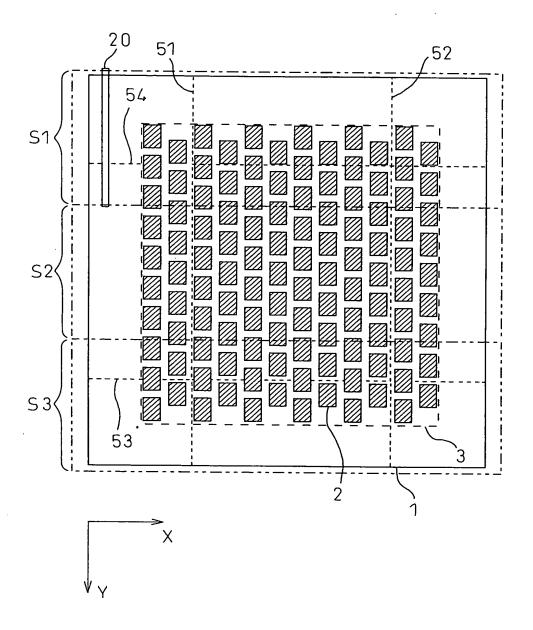
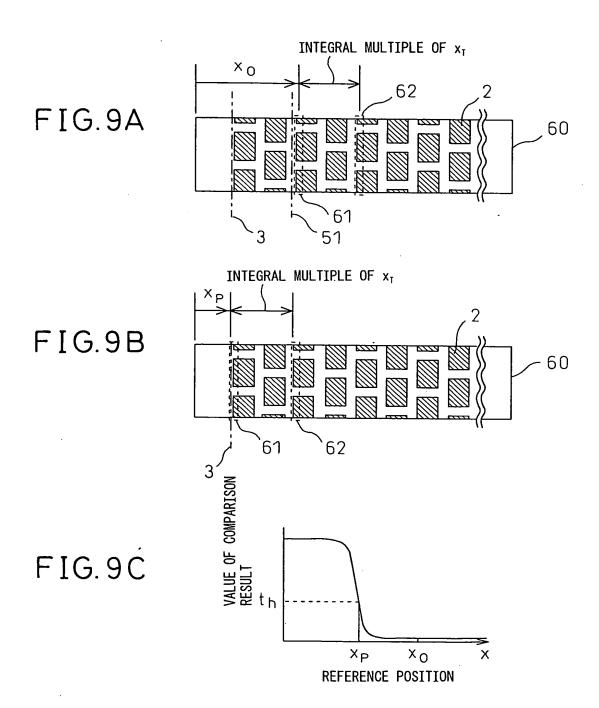
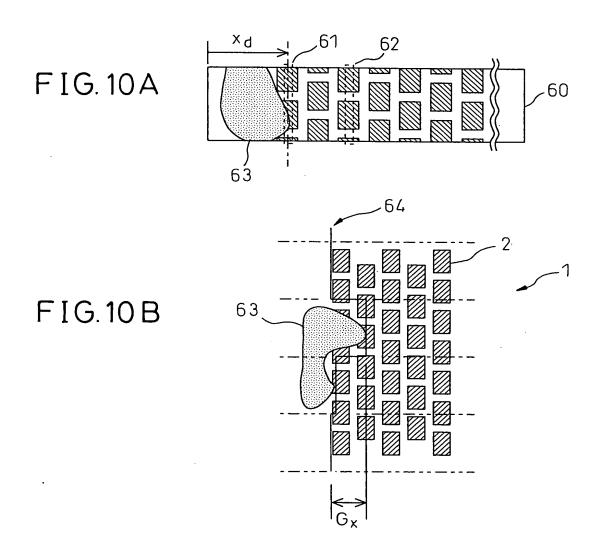


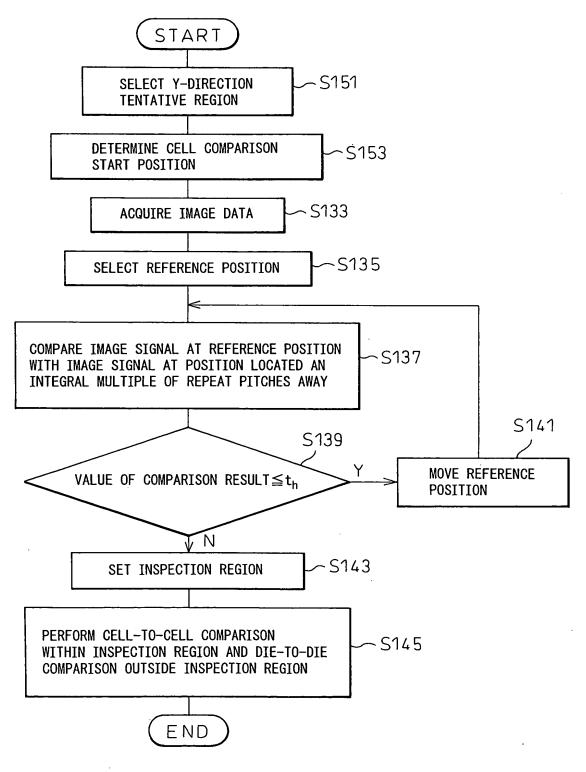
FIG.8







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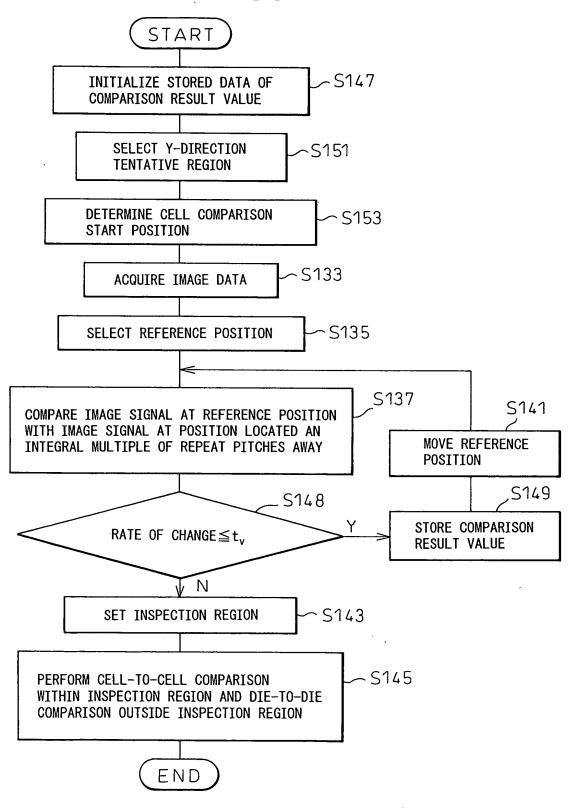


FIG.13A

FIG.13B

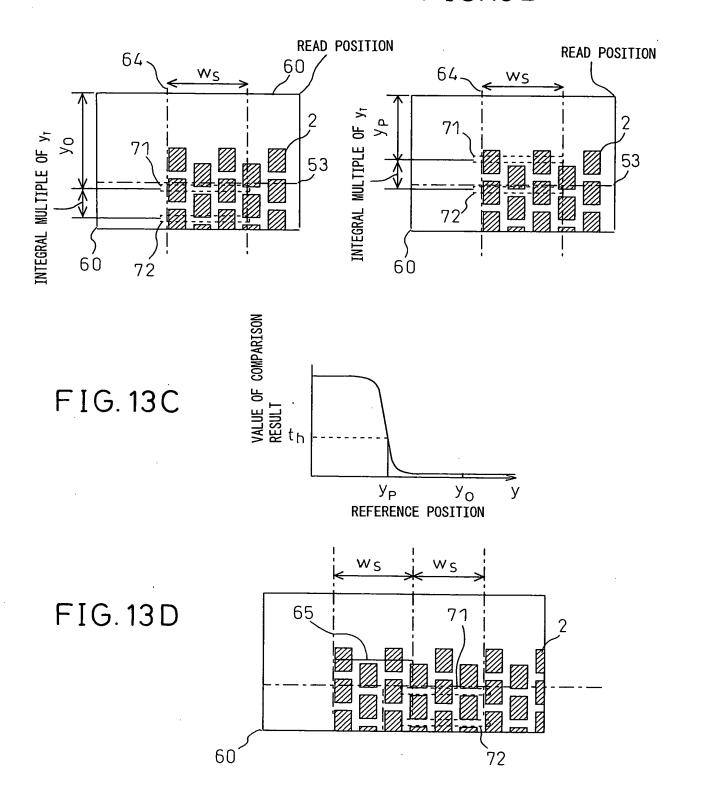
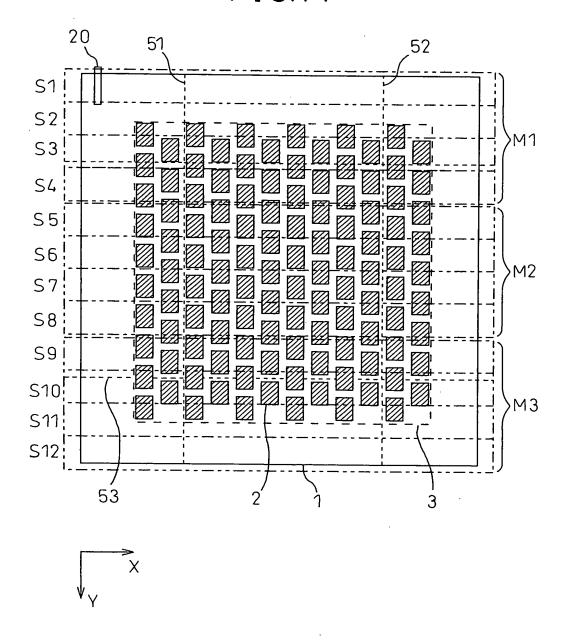
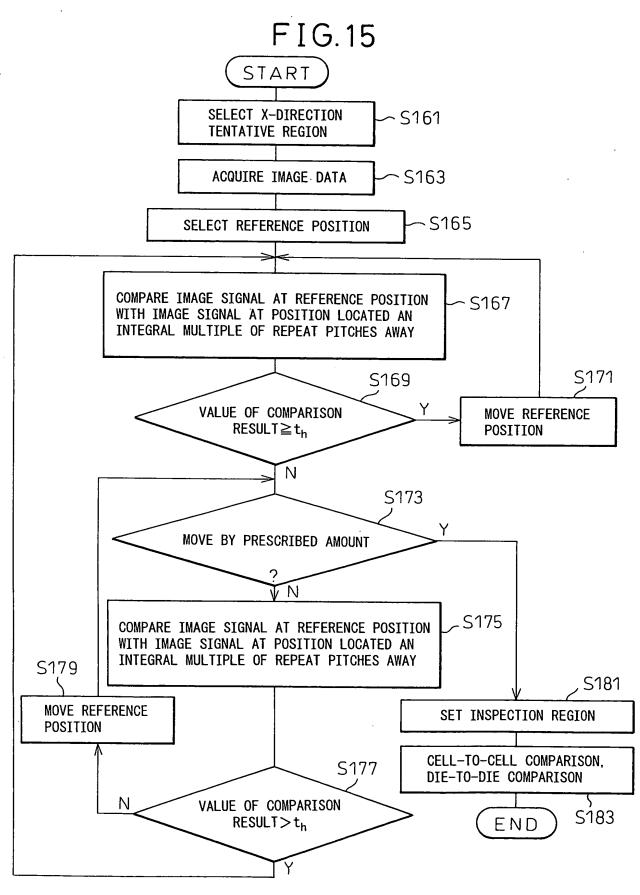
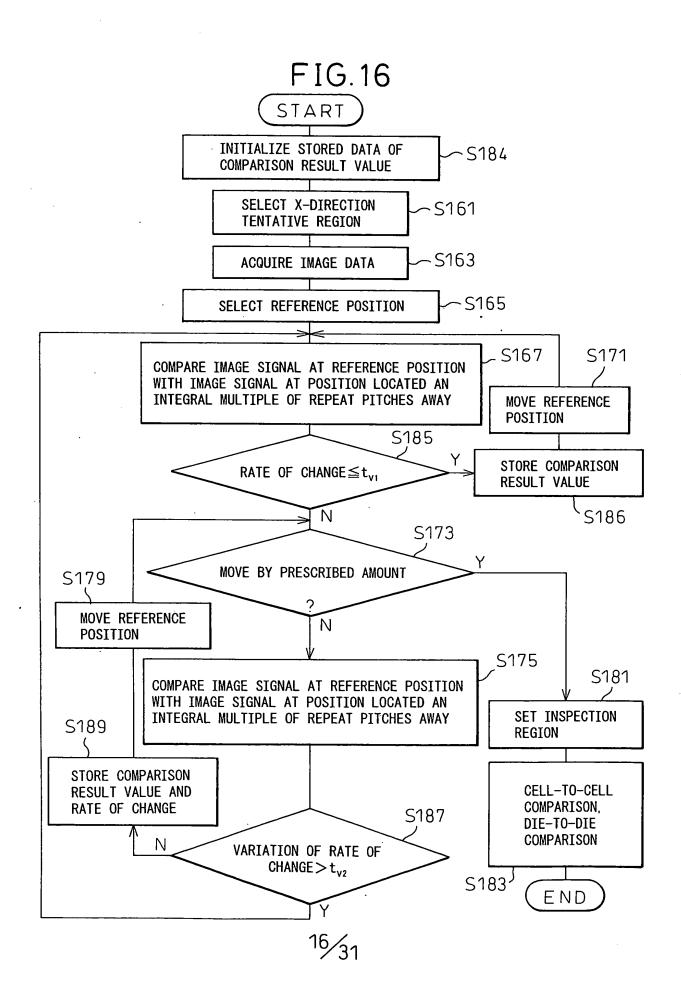


FIG.14







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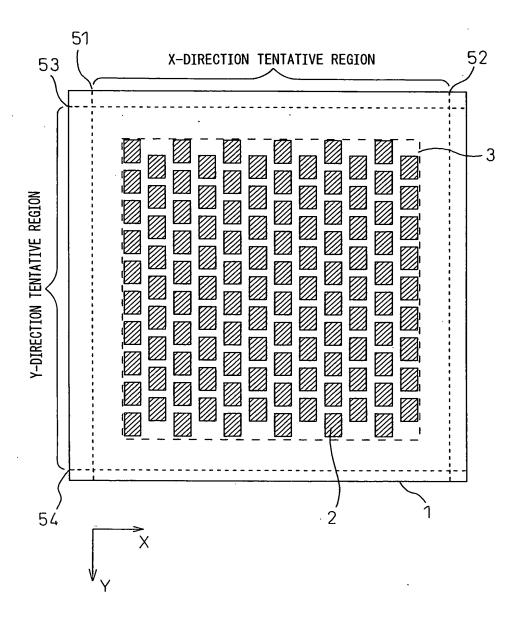


FIG.18A

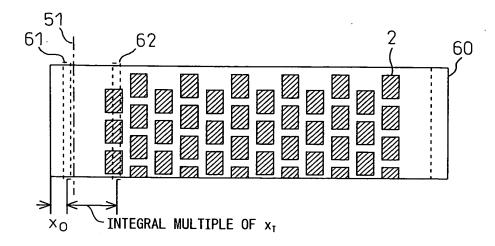
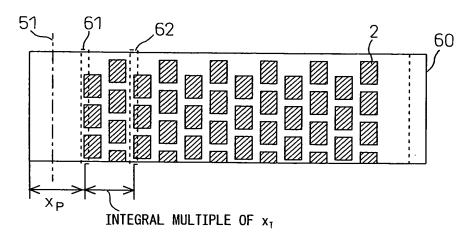


FIG.18B



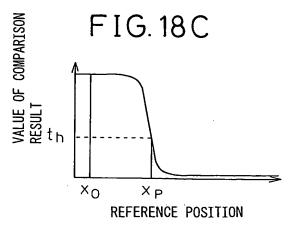
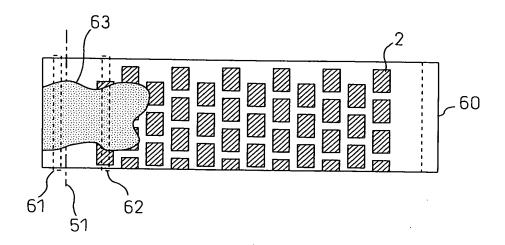
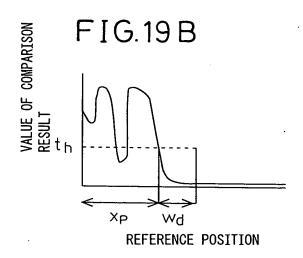
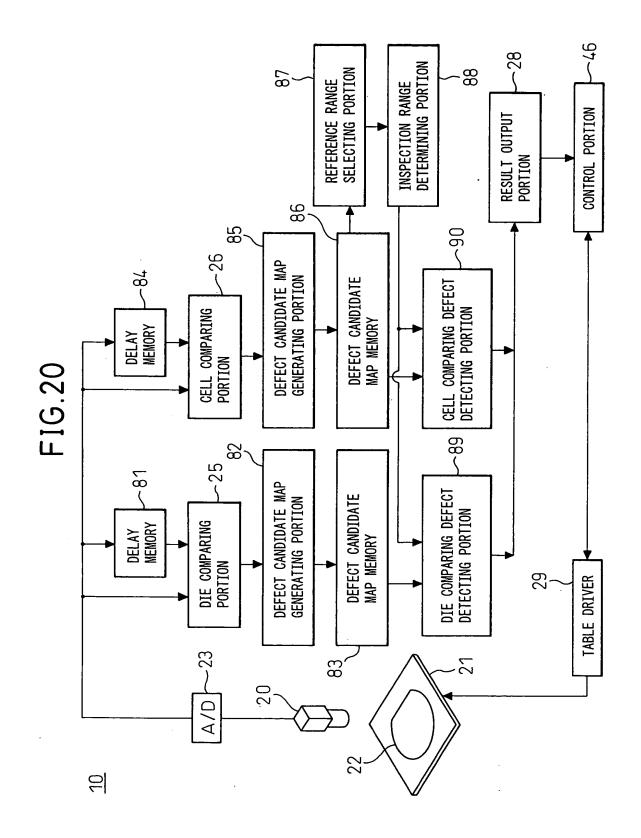
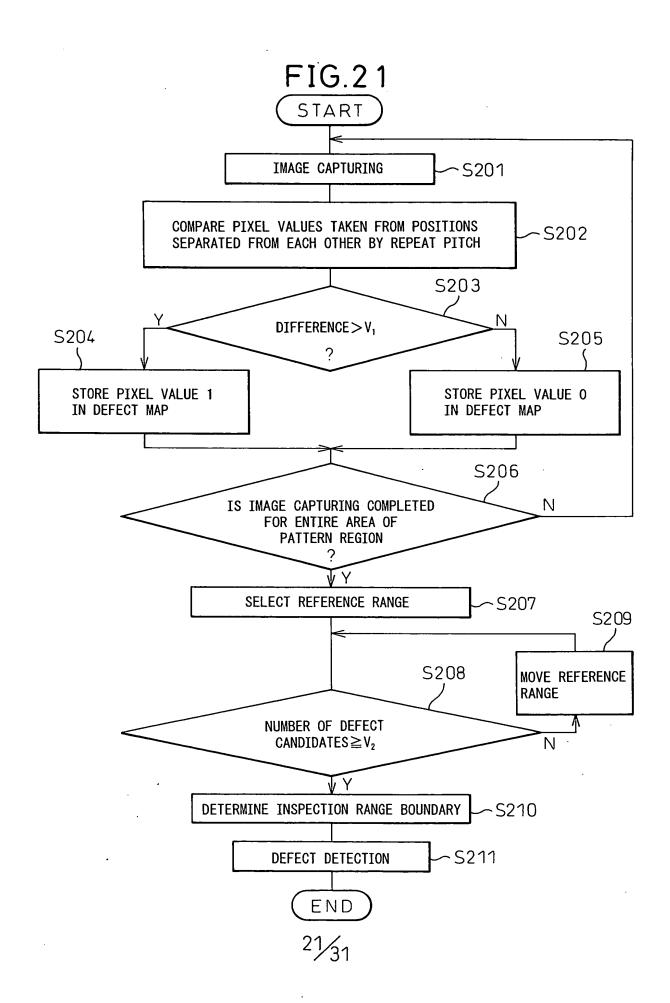


FIG.19A









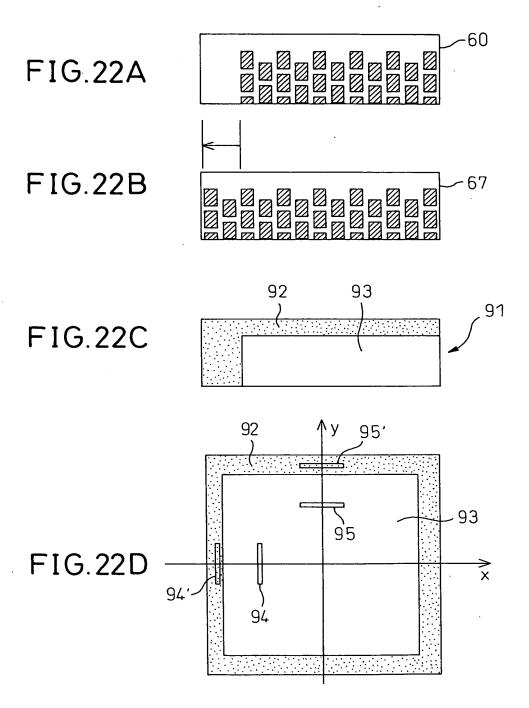


FIG.23A

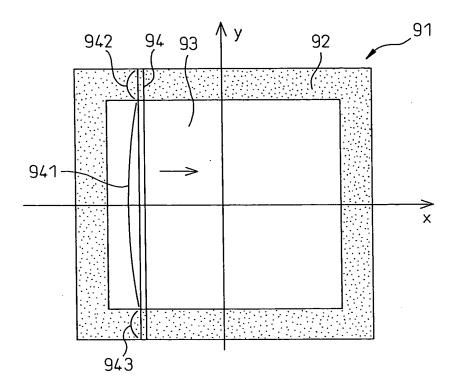
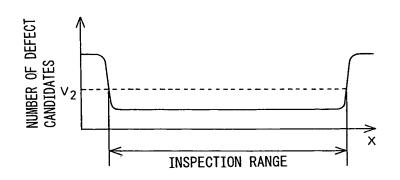


FIG.23B



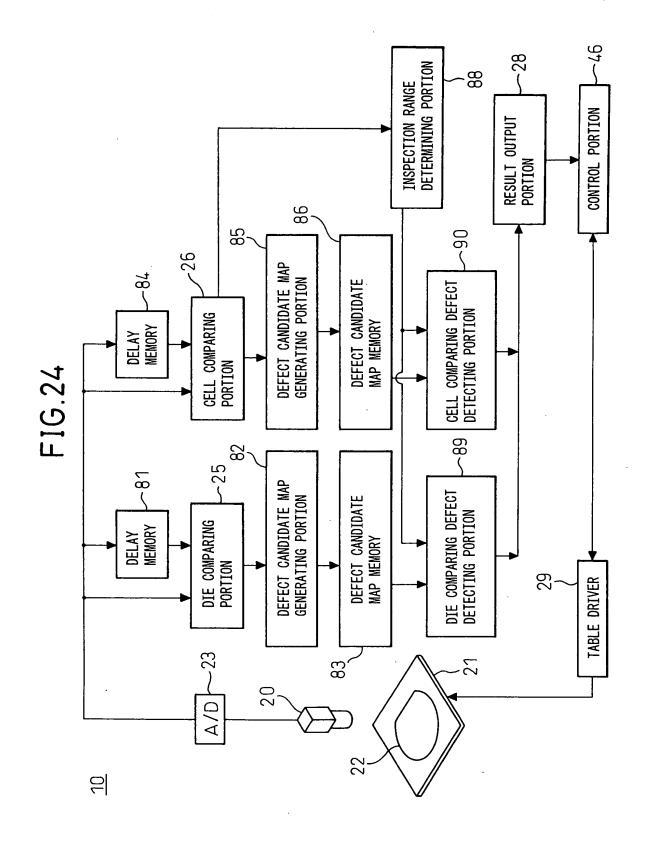


FIG.25

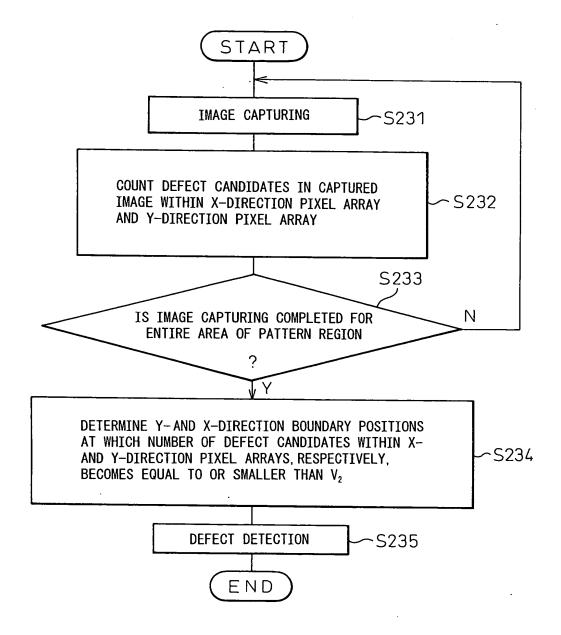


FIG.26

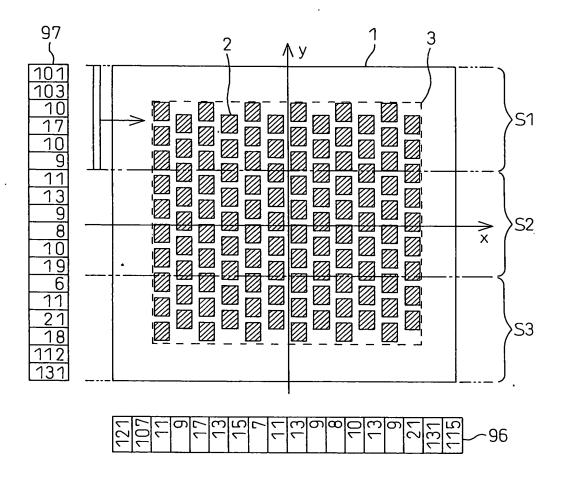


FIG. 27

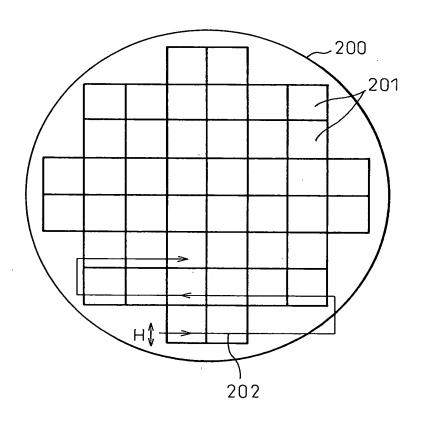


FIG. 28

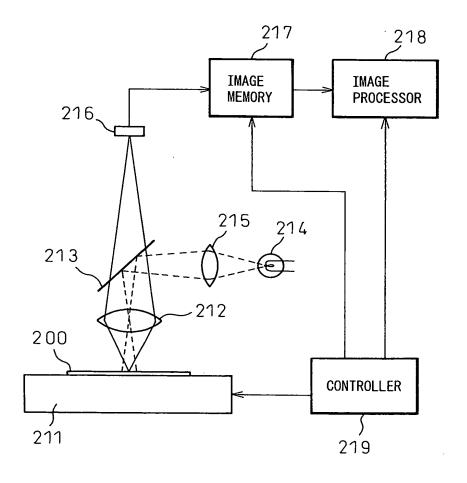


FIG. 29

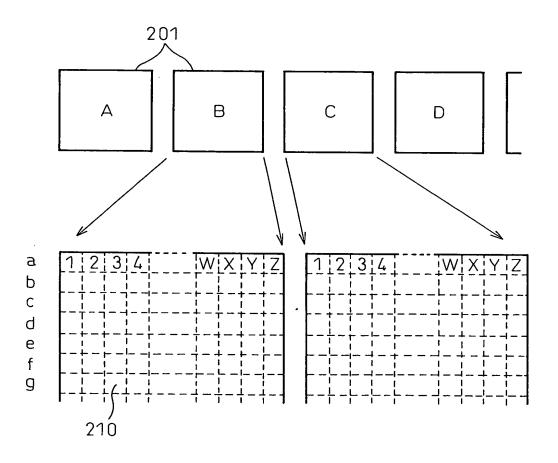
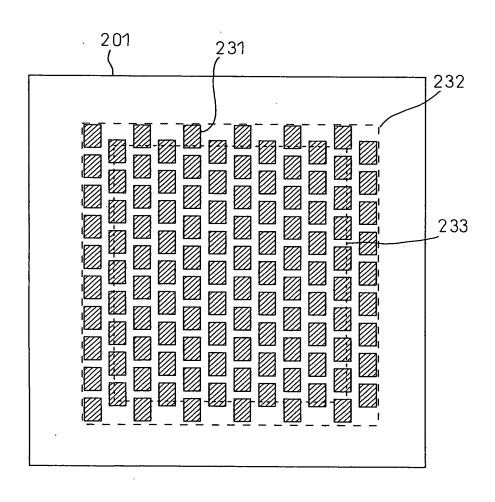


FIG. 30



DESCRIPTION OF THE REFERENCE NUMERALS

1 ... DIE

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- 2 ... REPEATED PATTERN (CELL)
- 3 ... REPEATED PATTERN REGION
- 4, 5 ... PIXEL BLOCK
- 20 ... IMAGING PORTION
- 21 ... STAGE
- 22 ... WAFER
- 23 ... A/D CONVERTER
- 24 ... IMAGE MEMORY
- 25 ... DIE COMPARING PORTION
- 26 ... CELL COMPARING PORTION
- 27 ... DEFECT DETECTING PORTION
- 28 ... RESULT OUTPUT PORTION
- 29 ... STAGE DRIVER
- 40 ... TENTATIVE REGION SETTING PORTION
- 41 ... REFERENCE POSITION SELECTING PORTION
- 42 ... IMAGE COMPARING PORTION
- 43 ... INSPECTION REGION SETTING PORTION
- 44 ... ERROR OUTPUT PORTION
- 45 ... INSPECTION REGION OUTPUT PORTION